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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on June 8, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the present arguments merely state that the position of the applicant is "similar" to the response filed on September 24, 2003. However, because the rejections and arguments in the Office Action dated December 18, 2003 were not explicitly addressed in the present response, the response is not fully responsive, especially since it is unclear how the applicant's present reasoning is similar to the former reasoning in the case. See 37 CFR 1.111 (specifically, paragraph [b]). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael A. Lyons whose telephone number is 571-272-2420. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank G Font can be reached on 571-272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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